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July 28, 2005

IN REPLY PLEASE

REFER TO FILE: PD-2

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**HIGHWAYS-THROUGH-CITIES
SAND CANYON ROAD SWALE REMOVAL PROJECT
CITY OF SANTA CLARITA
RESOLUTION NO. 3890
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5
4 VOTES**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Acting as responsible agency pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act, consider the enclosed Notice of Exemption, which was prepared by the City of Santa Clarita; find that the Sand Canyon Swale Removal project will not have a significant effect on the environment; find that the Notice of Exemption reflects the independent judgment of the County; and approve the Notice of Exemption.
2. Adopt the enclosed Resolution finding that the drainage improvements on Sand Canyon Road south of Comet Way, within the City of Santa Clarita, are of general County interest and providing that County-aid shall be extended for this purpose to the City of Santa Clarita up to a maximum amount of \$100,000 from the Fifth Supervisorial District's Road Construction Program.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The City of Santa Clarita is proceeding with a project to install asphalt concrete rolled curb and replace inlet structures with rural catch basins along Sand Canyon Road. The proposed work is entirely within the City.

Your Board's adoption of the enclosed Resolution will authorize the expenditure of County Highways-Through-Cities funds in the City of Santa Clarita for this drainage improvement project.

Sections 1680-1683 of the California Streets and Highways Code provide that the board of supervisors of any county may, by a resolution adopted by a four-fifths vote of its members, determine that certain types of road improvements on specified streets are of general county interest and that county-aid shall be provided. County-aid may be provided in the form of labor, equipment and materials, or a direct payment to the city.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This action is consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence. By improving the roadway drainage along Sand Canyon Road, residents of the City and nearby unincorporated County areas who travel on this street will benefit from the enhanced safety of the roadway, which will improve their quality of life.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The project cost is estimated to be \$200,000. The County is to finance one-half of the project cost up to a maximum contribution of \$100,000. Funding for this project is available from the Fifth Supervisorial District's Road Construction Program included in the Fiscal Year 2005-06 Road Fund Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The enclosed Resolution has been approved as to form by County Counsel.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

On August 6, 2003, the City of Santa Clarita filed a Notice of Exemption, citing the California Environmental Quality Act guidelines, with the County in accordance with the requirements of Section 21152 of the California Public Resources Code.

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Under the California Environmental Quality Act, the County is a "responsible agency" whose discretionary approval of the project is required in order for the City to carry out the project. The recommended findings are in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act and are required prior to your Board's granting of County Highways-Through-Cities aid.

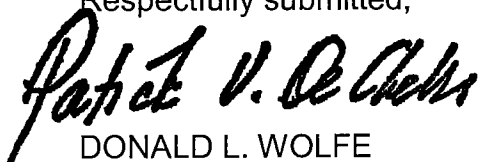
IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Sand Canyon Road is on the County's Highway Plan, and the drainage improvements are needed and of general County interest. No impact on current services or projects will result from this action.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter and one certified copy of the Resolution to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donald L. Wolfe", is written over the typed name.

DONALD L. WOLFE
Director of Public Works

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Enc.

cc: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION



TO:

FROM:

[X] County Clerk
County of Los Angeles
12400E Imperial Hwy., Rm. 2001
Norwalk, CA 90650

City of Santa Clarita
Planning and Building Services
23920 Valencia Boulevard, Suite #302
Santa Clarita, CA 91355

[] Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121
Sacramento, CA 95814

DATE: July 23, 2003

PROJECT NAME: Sand Canyon Swale Removal Project

PROJECT LOCATION: 1,300 linear feet along the east and west side of Sand Canyon Road between Roadrunner and Live Oak Springs Road.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The City will remove the existing asphalt swale liner and set the revised drain inlets. Imported material will be compacted to street grade with a roadway drainage to the grated inlets.

PROJECT APPLICANT: City of Santa Clarita Transportation and Engineering Services Department (Contact: Tara Concepcion (661) 255-4342).

Review of the project by the Department of Planning and Building Services found that the project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.

EXEMPT STATUS: (California Environmental Quality Act under Article 19 Section 15000)(Resolution No. 91-50 of local guidelines of the City of Santa Clarita)(e). The project is exempt under Class 1 of the California Environmental Quality Act because the project involves the restoration and repair of existing right-of-way improvements.

Person or agency carrying out the project: Tara Concepcion, Project Development Coordinator, City of Santa Clarita.

This is to certify that the Notice of Exemption with comments/responses and record of project approval is available for public review at:

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND BUILDING SERVICES
23920 Valencia Boulevard, Suite 302
Santa Clarita, California 91355
(661) 255-4330

Contact Person/Title: Wendy Deats, Assistant Planner II

Signature: W. Deats

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CONNIE B. MCCORMACK, COUNTY CLERK

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THIS NOTICE WAS POSTED

ON **AUG 06 2003**

UNTIL **SEP 08 2003**

REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK

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RESOLUTION NO. 3890

IT IS RESOLVED that the proposed improvements on Sand Canyon Road south of Comet Way including the installation of asphalt concrete rolled curb and replacement of drainage inlet structures within the City of Santa Clarita are of general County interest and that County-aid shall be extended for this purpose from the Road Fund to be expended in accordance with all applicable provisions of law relating to funds derived from the State Highway Users Tax. The County is to finance one-half of the project cost up to a maximum contribution of \$100,000.

Provided, however, that if the work mentioned above has not been started within 60 days from date of County warrant in payment, said amount shall be returned to the Director of Public Works and deposited in the Road Fund and, also, provided that immediately upon completion of the project, an itemized statement shall be rendered to the Director of Public Works showing the application of this money for the work performed and if any portion of said sum shall not have been so used and expended for the work specified, the sum or sums so remaining unexpended shall be returned to the Director of Public Works immediately and deposited in the Road Fund.

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The foregoing Resolution was on the _____ day of _____, 2005, adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex-officio of the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies, and authorities for which said Board so acts.

VIOLET VARONA-LUKENS
Executive Officer of the
Board of Supervisors of the
County of Los Angeles

By _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

RAYMOND J. FORTNER, JR.
County Counsel

By  _____
Deputy